

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of a Special Board Meeting held September 11, 2007

A special business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman William B. Hawk on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Hawk were: William C. Seeds, Sr., and David B. Blain.

Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steve Stine, Township Solicitor; William Weaver, Sewer Authority Director; and Gary Imblum.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Blain led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

None was presented.

Action on bids for the installation of a water line to serve the Thomas B. George Jr. Park

Mr. Wolfe explained in order to serve the concession stand and restrooms in the Thomas B. George Jr. Park; a water line must be installed from the main, located several hundred feet on Nyes Road. He noted that bids were advertised for the waterline extension, with the low bid being received from E. K. Services, Incorporated of New Cumberland in the amount of \$59,995. Mr. Wolfe explained that three bids were received, the second from Rogele, Inc. in the amount of \$81,181, and the third from Kinsley Construction in the amount of \$147,763.00.

Mr. Wolfe noted that Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc. (HRG) has reviewed the bids and found all to be complete. He noted that it is HRG recommendation that the project be awarded to E. K. Services, Inc. He explained that the engineer's estimate for this project is

approximately \$60,000; therefore, E. K. Services, Inc. bid appears to be in-line with the estimate for the project.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the packet also contained the minutes for the bid opening, which was held on September 7, 2007.

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Township received correspondence from the Pennsylvania Utility Contractors Association contesting the Township's authority to advertise the specifications based upon certain case law that requires pre-qualification. She noted that the bid specification requires pre-qualification for the water line since it will connect to United Water PA's system, and they require a pre-qualified contractors. He noted that Mr. Stine has reviewed the matter and provided the Board members with a memorandum. Mr. Stine explained that there are several cases that allow the pre-qualification of bidders prior to submitting bids. He noted that, although they typically deal with a Township that pre-qualifies; and since this is the United Water PA's waterline, the Township does not have a choice but to meet their specification. He explained that United Water PA would not allow a contractor that is not pre-qualified to work on the water line. He noted that there is no choice in the matter, and all the bidders were treated the same.

Mr. Hawk noted that the disparity for the bids was very interesting with the lowest bid being \$59,995 and the highest bid at \$147,763.

Mr. Blain made a motion to approve the bid for the waterline extension for the Thomas B. George Jr. Park to E. K. Service, Inc., in the amount of \$59,995. Mr. Seeds seconded the motion, and Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Seeds seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle

Approved by,

Gary A. Crissman  
Township Secretary